

Quarterly FRMAC Conference Call
January 08, 2003 8-9 a.m. PDT
1st Quarter Report

State and Federal Agencies on the Call:

California
Georgia
Idaho
Illinois
Iowa
Louisiana
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Nebraska
New Jersey
New Mexico
New York
North Carolina
North Dakota
Ohio
South Carolina
Tennessee
Virginia
Washington
Wisconsin

ARAC
BN
CRCPD
EPA
FEMA
HPS
JFTWS
LANL
LLNL
NNSA/DOE
NNSA RAP Region
NOAA
NRC
OAK RIDGE
PANTECH
SANDIA

The quarterly FRMAC conference call occurred on January 8, 2003 between the above State and Federal Agencies. After the State and Federal roll call, DOE NNSA/NV opened the discussions with a welcome to everyone.

1. Status Reports

- The RDD information is in the process of being compiled for the states and will be distributed to individuals that have requested the information.
- FRMAC Manuals: The Monitoring and Sampling Manual, Volume I, is completed and is in the process of being printed. All three volumes of the Assessment Manual will be ready for printing by February. Both of the manuals should be out for distribution before the next quarterly call.
- Working Groups: The Monitoring and Sampling Working Group meeting was held after this conference call. To view other working group meetings in the future, please see the FRMAC Events Calendar.

2. Federal status in relation to Department of Homeland Security

Many of the agencies have not anticipated changes on their status with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). However, in a national emergency, most agencies would still support work for DHS.

3. Outreaches/Exercises/Conferences

- Near future events:
 - 1) The Surry Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) Outreach will be held on January 23-24, 2003 in Richmond, Virginia.
 - 2) The Callaway NPP Outreach will be held February 13-14, 2003 in Missouri.
 - 3) The Millstone NPP Outreach will be held in the March timeframe in Niantic, CT.
- Past events:
 - 1) MN-WI NMC Conference in Eau Claire, WI was well received. There was good attendance and found capabilities that were not known before.
 - 2) The HazMat Explo Rad Track that was held in Las Vegas, NV had discussions on terrorists' events, presentations on RAD, and easily delivered information on a *first responder* level.
 - 3) Health and Safety, Monitoring and Sampling, and the Assessment areas of FRMAC supported the National REP Conference that was held in Portland, OR.

4. RDD Exercise Discussion

Three states volunteered information on their most recent or upcoming RDD exercise. Those states that were involved are Massachusetts, Washington, and Wisconsin.

- The Massachusetts field exercise took place on November 11, 2002 with intelligence gathering of state and local officials. The purpose was to see how all the agencies coordinated the response of a terrorist attack with mass casualties and how the operations performed.
- The Washington scenario takes place in Seattle where a car bomb exploded that caused contamination and fatalities. The exercise calls for a 36 hour field operations that included state, federal, and local support.
- The Wisconsin exercise is planned for January and April of 2003.

5. Further Information Given/Needed

There were discussions on how modeling tools are not useful when you do not know the source term. Since the call the following information was received:

NARAC is very near to offering a Web modeling tool to all states (operational by March) as requested by DOE/HQ's. Authorized users could locate a release anywhere in the US and get a plot back in 5-10 minutes on the NARAC Web based on live local meteorology (see www.narac.llnl.gov). NARAC, in combination with the SNL-NARAC Integrated RAP Model Toolkit, offers some unique capabilities and service for the State RDD responses.

6. Future Conference Call

In closing, DOE NNSA/NV thanked everyone for attending and participating in discussions. A future conference call is scheduled for April 9, 2003 from 0800 – 0930 PDT. Topics to be covered in the next call are as follows:

- Status of distribution of the FRMAC *Monitoring and Sampling* and *Assessment* manuals.
- Federal status in relations to Department of Homeland Security.
- Nuclear Power Plant exercises for the states of AZ, CT, FL, LA, MN, and PA.
- Exercises / Outreaches / Conferences that occurred in first quarter:
 - 1) RDD X – WI
 - 2) NPP Outreach – VA
 - 3) Conference – HPS